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On August 29, 2005, ten years after the United Nations conference on women's rights in Beijing and just weeks before a summit of world leaders at UN Headquarters in New York, Secretary – General Kofi Annan called on the international community to turn their commitments into action to achieve full gender equality. Since 1995 progress has been made, but old challenges such as discrimination and violence remain. Domestic Violence against women is a complex problem and there is no strategy that will work in all situations. He called for partnerships at community, national and international levels to end violence against women.

Community partnerships can link traditional elders with community organizations and religious leaders. State and national partnerships can link the criminal justice system with the health care system and the government.

Repeated exposure to violence in the media has been associated with increased incidence of aggression, especially in children. Collaboration with the media needs to focus on creating new messages and new responses to reduce domestic violence.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Proclaim October 2005 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”.

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